Vacant posts in Pondicherry University

982. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts in the Pondicherry University and the number of posts kept vacant by the University, till 15th February, 2001;

(b) what steps are being taken to fill up these posts; and

(c) what are the reasons for not filling them up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [Dr. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) According 40 the information furnished by the Pondicherry University, the total number of posts in the University is 811, and the number of vacant posts as on 15th February, 2001, was 150.

(b) and (c) The University has advertised the vacant teaching posts and necessary steps to fill up these have been taken by the University. As regards non-teaching posts, it has not been possible to fill up these on account of recent ban.

Financial Assistance for Women and Children in Assam

983. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to voluntary organisations functioning at present in Assam, for welfare programmes for women and children, particularly in tribal and hilly areas of the State, during the last three years; and

(b) the total funds utilized for the same during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA

MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Details of Financial Assistance for Women and Children in Assam are given as under:—

Statement

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme -	Year	Amount ReleaseoV Sanctioned	Funds Utilized/ Remarks
1.	Women's Economic Programme.	1998-1999	Rs. *3,53,500/--*	Utilized
		1999-2000	Rs. 6,47,475/-	Utilized
		2000-2001	Rs. 17,20,925/-	Utilized
2.	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations in the field of Women and Child Development.	199S-1999	Nil	—
		1999-2000	Rs. 4,17,472'-	Utilized
		2000-2001	Nil	
3.	Working Women's Hostel.	1998-1999	Rs. 4,76.807/-	Utilized
		1999-2000	Rs. 4,99,218/-	Utilized
		2000-2001	Rs. 18,13,050/-	Utilized
4.	Rashtriya Mahila Kosh.	1998-1999	Rs. 2,00,000/-	Utilized
		1999-2000	Rs. *9,00,00/-*	Rs. 8 lakhs were utilized.
		2000-2001	Rs. 5,00,000/-	Nil. The amount could not be released as NGO viz. Barchala Grammya Sakhrta Samiti, Morigaon, Assam has not complied with the terms of sanction.

Research Period for Ph.D. Degree in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University

† 984. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum research period for award of Ph.D. degree in

† Original notice of tlie question was received in Hindi.